

TITLE 20. POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chapter 20.01. Police Department.

20.01.010. Appointment of Chief of Police. Powers and Duties Generally. Special Policemen.

There shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the council, a chief of police. He shall, in the discharge of his duties, have like powers and be subject to like responsibility as sheriffs and constables in similar cases. He shall suppress riots, disturbances and breaches of the peace and apprehend all persons committing any offense against the laws of the state or the ordinances of the city. He shall at all times diligently and faithfully discharge his duties and enforce all ordinances and regulations of the city for the preservation of peace and good order and the protection of the rights and property of all persons. He shall, under the direction of the council, direct and control the police of the city and, whenever the interests of the city demand, by and with the consent of the mayor, he shall appoint such number of special policemen as may be required and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance.

20.01.020. Powers and Duties of Police.

The police officers of the city shall have the same powers and responsibilities as constables. It shall be the duty of the police force at all times to preserve the public peace, prevent crime, detect and arrest offenders, suppress riots, protect persons and property, remove nuisances existing in the public streets, roads and highways, enforce every law relating to the suppression of offenses, and perform all duties required of them by ordinance or resolution. (U.C.A. 10-3-914).

20.01.030. Bail Commissioners.

The mayor, by and with the consent of the council, may appoint from among the officers and members of the police department one or more discreet persons to be known as bail commissioners, who shall have and exercise all the powers which are now or hereafter may be conferred by law upon justices of the peace or judges of the circuit court in respect to the fixing of bail of persons arrested within the corporate limits of the city for misdemeanors under the laws of the state, or for violation of the city ordinances, and to the taking and the approving of the same. Any person who has been ordered by any such bail commissioner to give bail may deposit the amount thereof with such bail commissioner. The bail commissioners shall have power on nonjudicial days, and after the hour of 5:00 p.m. and before the hour of 9:00 a.m. on judicial days, to collect and receipt for moneys tendered in payment of the fine of any person serving a sentence in default of the payment of such fine. All moneys collected by bail commissioners shall be accounted for at least once a month to the clerk of the circuit court. Bail commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and shall receive no compensation as such. Before entering upon their duties as bail commissioners, they shall take and subscribe an oath to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of their office, and shall give bond to the city, with two good and sufficient individual sureties or with a single corporate surety, to be approved by the mayor, which bond shall be in the sum of \$2,500, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties as such commissioners, and that they will well and truly account for and turn over to the clerk of the circuit court, at such times as may be designated by the council, all moneys, bonds, property and records coming into their hands as such commissioners, and that at the expiration of their term of office they will surrender and turn over as aforesaid all funds, bonds, property, papers and records then in their hands pertaining to their respective offices. Suit upon any such bond may be brought by any county, city or person injured. (U.C.A. 10-3-920).

20.01.040. Failure to Aid Peace Officer.

A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor if, upon command by a peace officer identifiable or identified by him as such, he unreasonably fails or refuses to aid the peace officer in effecting an arrest or in preventing the commission of any offense by another person. (U.C.A. 76-8-307).